

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Watershed Management in Drought Hit Rural Areas

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for promoting watershed management in the drought hit rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and the steps being taken by the Government for the implementation of the proposal; and
- (c) the details of Central assistance sanctioned and funds given to the States to implement various projects under the programme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c): Department of Land Resources is currently implementing 8214 watershed development projects in 28 States (except Goa) covering an area of about 39.07 million hectare under the Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) principally for development of rainfed portions of net cultivated area and culturable wastelands. The activities being undertaken inter alia include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihoods for assetless persons, etc. The projects are at various stages of implementation.

State-wise details of number of projects, sanctioned area of the projects and central assistance released during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure.

In addition, other Central Ministries / Departments like Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare are implementing schemes and programmes like the Per Drop More Crop component of PMKSY which inter alia includes activities for water conservation, drought proofing, water harvesting, ground water recharge, etc. that complement and supplement interventions undertaken under the WDC-PMKSY.
